(ii) Manufacture of writing, printing and craft paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of pulp made from bagasse is exempted from payment of excise duty. '

(iii) Paper and paper board manufactured by small paper mills out of pulp containing not less than 50 per cent by weight made from materials other than bamboo, hard wood, soft woods, reeds or rags are charged excise duty at concessional rates.

(iv) The facility of payment of excise duty on incremental basis for successive slabs has been extended to small paper mills from 1-4-1986.

(v) Flexibility allowed to the Industry to manufacture all varieties of paper* and paper grade pulp including paper boardjstraw board within the overall licenced capacity.

(vi) Requirement of Industrial Licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing wrapping paper from agricultural residues,. wastes and bagasse.

(vii) Restrictions on export of paper have been removed.

(viii) The Institutions and Banks have been extending need-based reliefs and concessions to paper mills on a case to case basis and have been following a liberalised policy towards modernisation.

(ix) A Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has been set up in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, with wide ranging power, for taking various measures pertaining to sick industrial companies, falling within the purview of the Act.

Joint Venture Company of Non-Resi-dent and Public Sector Undertakings

734. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint venture company of non-resident Indian and six major public sector enterprises has been set up; and

(b) if so what' are the details and purpose thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) A Joint Venture Company of six selected public sector enterprises and NR! Company is under the process of formation, with equity participation of 51 per cent by the NRI Company. The Joint Venture Company is to provide modern management and technologU cal services to the Indian public enterprises. The consultancy jobs to the JVC would be given against open market competition without any price preference.

Proposal for Leasing out sick Public Sector Enterprises

735. SHRI N. E, BALARAM;
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for leasing out sick public sector enterprises to the private sector on management contract basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

White Paper on Public Sector Undertakings

736. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a)' whether a draft white paper on public sector undertakings has since been prepared by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay the White Paper on the Table of the House?,

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) A White Paper on Public Sector Undertakings is under finalisation.

(c) Yes, Sir-Import of tyres

737. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import tyres;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such Imports;

(d) whether the production of tyres in the country is less than the demand; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to augment the production of tyres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a)' to (e) The installed capacity of automobile tyres, in the country is adequate to meet the domestic demand. The total requirement of tyres by 1989-90 i3 estimated at 23. 29 million numbers for which an installed capacity of about 27 million numbers would be required on the basis of 85 per cent of capacity utilisation. As against this, the total capacity installed and approved is of the order of 31 million numbers. Government are also in touch with the tyre manufactures to maximise production of tyres and tubes. However, Government may consider importing tyres if the need arises.

privatisation of Scooters India Limited

738. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goveinment propose to sell Scooters India Limited to a private sector company; if so, -what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) What are the details of the deal, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUS, TRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As Scooters India Limited has been in* curring losses since inception, the Government have decided to transfer the agreed assets and equivalent liabilities of the Scooters India Limited's Lucknow unit for the manufacture oi two wheelers & three wheelers to a leading two wheeler manufacturer in the private sector, so that the capacity created and the skills developed in the unit are not wasted. A sizeable number of employees will be given fresh employment in the rejuvenated unit. The rest of the employees will be given suitable compensation.

घाटे में चल रहे औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठान

739. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों से निरन्तर घाट में चल रहे सरकारी क्षेत्र के प्रतिष्ठानों के नाम क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि चालू वर्ष के पहले छः महीनों के दौरान इन प्रतिष्ठानों के घाटे में और वृद्धि होने की सम्भावना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस मामले में सरकार का क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है ?